GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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BEEF IN TINNED FOOD
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that certain fast food companies and restaurants are using beef in tinned non-vegetarian food;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of the companies involved therein;

(c) whether mixing of beef in non-vegetarian fast food is legal;

(d) if not, whether the department has taken action against such companies/restaurants; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a) to (e): Mixing of buffalo meat in certain meat products is permissible under the Meat Food Products Order(MFPO), 1973. But the type of meat and other ingredients used are to be mentioned clearly on the labels of these meat products. However, no fast food company or restaurant has been granted licence under MFPO for manufacture of tinned non-vegetarian products using beef.